

THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Rice County, Minnesota
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The Rice County Genealogical Society (RCGS) meets at 2:00 on the 3rd Tuesday September – May alternating between the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault and at various locations in Northfield. When the Northfield meeting locations are determined they will be posted on our new RCGS website **ricecogs.blogspot.com** and members will be notified by email.

MEETING DATES: tentative, please see website for final details

January	16, 2018.....	Faribault	2:00 Rice County Historical Society Museum
February	20, 2018.....	Northfield	2:00 Northfield Public Library
March	20, 2018.....	Faribault	2:00 Rice County Historical Society Museum
April	17, 2018.....	Northfield	2:00 place to be determined
May	15, 2018.....	Faribault	2:00 Rice County Historical Society Museum

If inclement weather occurs on our meeting dates we will try to reach all members via email or phone to let them know the meeting is being canceled. No one should venture out if they feel it would be unsafe. Please contact President Mary Zabel with any questions or suggestions, at email: select2@kmwb.net

OFFICERS:
President: Mary Zabel email: select2@kmwb.net
Program: Kathy Ness and Sue Garwood
Secretary:
Treasurer: Noreen Giefer

MEMBERSHIP: Dues are $10 for an individual and $12 for a family. Find an application on the back of this newsletter. The Rice Gleanings newsletter is included with membership. To contribute to the Newsletter contact Harriet Berg at hgbergmn@gmail.com. Members are actively working on their family lines and searching out the history of those who came to live in or passed through Rice County. Though based in Rice County, members' interests are also worldwide.

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A New Sign for the Old Prairieville Cemetery

by Sue and Tim Lloyd

A grant from the Minnesota Historical Society's Legacy Program has made possible the purchase of a sign for the entrance to the Old Prairieville Cemetery. The sign's purpose is to inform visitors of the pioneers who settled here, their achievements, and relationships to the town of Prairieville.

Tim Lloyd, Vice President of the non-profit organization "Friends of Old Prairieville Cemetery" applied for the grant. The Friends of Old Prairieville are responsible for the almost completed restoration of this abandoned pioneer cemetery. Lloyd selected the sign and its' design. He wanted the sign to be long-lasting as well as in keeping with its placement in a cemetery. The sign is etched aluminum and guaranteed longevity of a hundred years. Its placement is at the entrance to the cemetery. Cedars have been planted as a backdrop for the sign with the expectation that as the cedars grow, the sign will be more distinct.

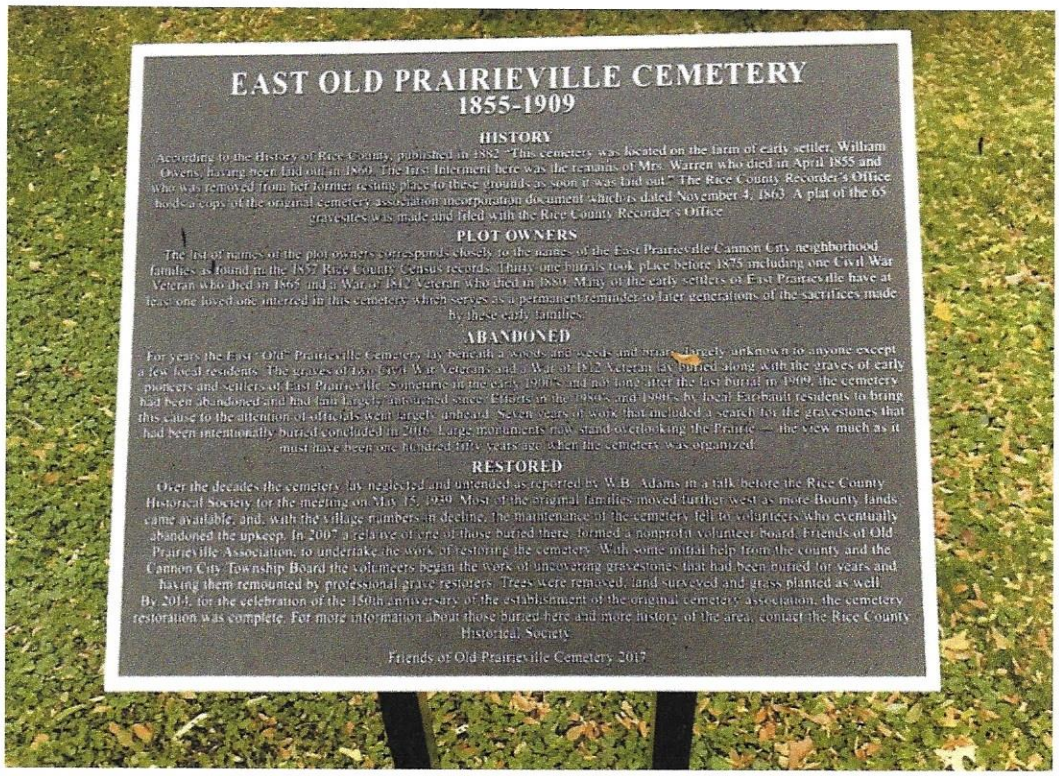
Tim Lloyd while doing genealogical research on his family discovered that his Great- great-great-grandparents were buried in Old Prairieville Cemetery. This discovery lead to the Lloyds finding the cemetery and, with others, began the task of restoring it.

The cemetery is located on Minnesota Hwy 60, a few miles east of the city of Faribault. It was established in 1860 and abandoned sometime in the 1930s perhaps due to the construction of a new road close to the cemetery. Many of the gravestones were buried and had to be raised by a specialist, Brad Dalby, and remounted.

The tedious job of finding and remounting some 46 gravestones was brought to a wonderful conclusion when Tim Lloyd's third great-grandparents, Isaac and Mary Barrick's gravestone was finally found. Isaac, a War of 1812 Veteran and former Prairieville blacksmith, is memorialized along with Edward F. Cosert, a Civil War Veteran on Memorial Day weekend each year.

With the erection of the new sign, the restoration of the cemetery draws close to completion. Without the many donors and volunteers this project would not have been possible.

Website: www.oldprairievillecem.org/OPC/main_page.html/



EAST OLD PRAIRIEVILLE CEMETERY
1855-1909

History

According to the History of Rice County, published in 1882, "This cemetery was located on the farm of early settler, William Owens, having been laid out in 1860. The first Interment here was the remains of Mrs. Warren who died in April 1855 and who was removed from her former resting place to these grounds as soon it was laid out." The Rice County Recorder's Office holds a copy of the original cemetery association incorporation document which is dated November 4, 1863. A plat of the 65 gravesites was made and filed with the Rice County Recorder's Office.

Plot Owners

The list of names of the plot owners corresponds closely to the names of the East Prairieville/ Cannon City neighborhood families as found in the 1857 Rice County Census records. Thirty- one burials took place before 1875 including one Civil War Veteran who died in 1865 and a War of 1812 Veteran who died in 1880. Many of the early settlers of East Prairieville have at least one loved one interred in this cemetery which serves as a permanent reminder to later generations of the sacrifices made by these early families.

Abandoned

For years the East "Old Prairieville Cemetery lay beneath a woods and weeds and briars largely unknown to anyone except a few local residents. The graves of two Civil War Veterans and a War of 1812 Veteran lay buried along with the graves of early pioneers and settlers of East Prairieville. Sometime in the early 1900's and not long after the last burial in 1909, the cemetery had been abandoned and had lain largely untouched since. Efforts in the 1980's and 1990's by local Faribault residents to bring this cause to the attention of officials went largely unheard. Seven years of work that included a search for the gravestones that had been intentionally buried concluded in 2016. Large monuments now stand overlooking the Prairie — the view much as it must have been one hundred fifty years ago when the cemetery was organized.

Restored

Over the decades the cemetery lay neglected and untended as reported by W.B. Adams in a talk before the Rice County Historical Society for the meeting on May 15, 1939. Most of the original families moved further west as more Bounty lands came available, and, with the village numbers in decline, the maintenance of the cemetery fell to volunteers who eventually abandoned the upkeep. In 2007 a relative of one of those buried there, formed a nonprofit volunteer board, Friends of Old Prairieville Association, to undertake the work of restoring the cemetery. With some initial help from the county and the Cannon City Township Board the volunteers began the work of uncovering gravestones that had been buried for years and having them remounted by professional grave restorers. Trees were removed, land surveyed and grass planted as well. By 2014, for the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the original cemetery association, the cemetery restoration was complete. For more information about those buried here and more history of the area, contact the Rice County Historical Society.

Friends of Old Prairieville Cemetery 2017

From Jan and John Dalby

- Someday if you are looking for something different to do, try this
 http://www.dalbydata.com/user.php?action=npsearch
 Enter RICE COUNTY in the LAST NAME Box and click search

- To find obituaries for a particular decade enter the first three numbers of the decade in the DATE field: for example enter 188 for the 1880s

- A good site to visit https://www.genealogyinc.com

- RCHS recently put this online
 http://northfieldhistorycollaborative.org/201712/12/record-of-soldiers-book-upload/

- http://www.dalbydata.com/user.php?action=cemsearch
 Search USA PRES in NOTES Box to see all Presidents. Search USA FIRST in NOTES Box to see all First Ladies

- The following are some obituaries from the 1860s with added comments

James T. Boss died, at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, February 24, 1863, age 21 years. The deceased enlisted on the 8th day of August, 1862, from Cannon City, in Co. C, 6th Regiment Minnesota Volunteers, on his birthday, and shared to the full the toils & dangers, as well as the honors of his regiment. He bore an honorable part in the Battles of Birch Coolie & Wood Lake, & by his mauly bearing commanded at all times the respect of his superiors. His death has not only cast a gloom over the place where he had made his home, but falls with peculiar sorrow upon the parents who were absent at the time of his death. May the God of Consolation impart comfort to these mourning hearts. Another sacrifice upon the altar of his country. Published in the Faribault Central Republic on 04/Mar/1863.

James T Boss was b. 1841 in Michigan son of Truman Boss and Sarah A Boss. He was buried in Cannon City Cemetery, Cannon City, Rice County, Minnesota.

Levi Downhour, enlisted in the Civil War, 15 or 16 years old, as a Drummer Boy on January 2, 1864. At the close of hostilities he was a paroled prisoner of war from the Andersonville Prison in Georgia. As a member of a group of sick and wounded soldiers being returned to their homes on the Steamboat Sultana via the Mississippi River, about nine miles north of Memphis, when on the 27th day of April 1865, the Sultanas boiler blew up. Levi was wounded, scalded and drowned. Presumably, other victims met with the same tragedy. The sinking of the riverboat, Sultana, on April 27, 1865, was one of the most horrible maritime accidents in American history. It also historically the deadliest. After exploding and burning, the grossly overloaded steamer foundered the Mississippi about nine miles north of Memphis, carrying more than 2,000 passengers, most of them Union Soldiers just released from Confederate prison camps. Some men, so badly wounded or sick they couldn't move, begged to be thrown overboard so they would not burn to death. Those in the water fought over floating planks. In all, 1,547 perished. Unknown source Apr/1865.

Levi Downhour was born in Tipton Illinois in 1848 son of Samuel Downhour and Catherine Sarah Diltz. In the 1870 census his parents were in Morristown, Rice County, Minnesota

Edwin S. Loveland died, on board the steamer Hope, at Memphis Tenn., on the 1st of June, 1863, aged 27 years. He enlisted in the 26th Regiment, ILL., Volunteers in January, 1862. He had followed the the fortunes of that regiment, without faltering, in toilsome marches & in battle's stern array & had won by unflinching devotion to his country's cause, the respect of all his companions in arms, for the first time since his enlistment he obtained a short furlough to visit his family & was on his way home. He reached Memphis at night, & being unable to obtain passage until the following morning, laid down to sleep upon the lower deck, when a quartey of wood stored above, broke through & killed him instantly. It is a satisfaction to his afflicted parents & friends to know that he was ever on the path of duty as a soldier for his county & an unspeakable comfort to them to have the assistance left behind that he lived a christian life, & has gone where solice is unknown. Another sacrifice has been given to redeem our country & parents, wife, brothers & sisters are stricken with grief. May God of All Consolation sustain them in this hour of trial, & faith point them to the Land where Edwin has gone to meet his reward, & all prepare to meet him above. Published in the Faribault Central Republican on 10/Aug/1863.

Edwin Loveland was born about 1837 in New York

Chief Taopi, the principal man of the Sioux Remnant now residing in Faribault, died on Feb. 19, and was buried with the ceremonies of the Episcopal Church, of which he was a member. He had always been friendly to the whites, and rendered valuable service toward the saving of the lives of 300 white captives in the Indian outbreak of 1862. Aged 56 years. Published in the Faribault Central Republican on the 03/Mar/1869.

Chief Taopi was born in 1813 in Kaposia [*now Saint Paul* son of Berry Picker (Azayamankawin) and His father was probably Iron Sword (Mazasagie).
He was buried in Maple Lawn Cemetery, Faribault, Rice County, Minnesota.
His tombstone has death date 5 March, 1869.
See photos and more information on Chief Taopi at
www.findagrave.com/memorial/11575281
www.usdakotawar.org/history/taopi

Peter Gudium is buried at Solar in Webster. Not sure where the horse is burled

Gudim Peter

HORSE DROWNS IN POOL--PETER GUDIM LOSES ANIMAL UNDER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. Two big horses standing in the sun, One disappeared and then there was one. That bit of verse may be fiction or fairy tale, but Peter Guidm had the experience of holding in his hands the reins that guided a team of horses, when suddenly one of them began a disappearing act which quickly resulted in the complete removal from view of the 1,700 pound mare. The scene of the accident which occurred Wednesday afternoon, was at the extreme south end of Washington street where the public thorofare adds into the private property of residents of that part of the city. Mr. Gudim was driving onto the green grass which covered the ground at that point and had stopped his team to wait for some time. Suddenly one of the horses dropped forward as it there were a soft place in the ground. Mr. Gudim hurriedly loosened the tugs and attempted to get the animal to rise, but as soon as the support of the harness was released, the horse plunged headlong into a deep excavation beneath. It being impossible to get assistance to the scene quickly, the animal was drowned in the water that was in the pit. It was thot that the hole must at some time have been a cess pool and had been covered over after it had gone out of use, but that the supports had rotted and quickly gave way beneath the weight of the horse. From the Northfield News April 11, 1919.

2017 RCGS Members at our Annual December Lunch



Mary Zabel, Sue Garwood, Kathy Ness, Arlene Williams, Charlene Erickson-Knox, Roni Deschamp, Paul Fonstad standing, Dave Madole, Sue Lloyd, Harriet Berg, Cheri Albers, Henry Albers



Sue Lloyd, Harriet Berg, Cheri Albers, Henry Albers, Jan Dalby partly hidden, John Dalby, Audrey DeMann, Chuck DeMann standing, David Zabel, Mary Zabel, Sue Garwood, Kathy Ness, and Arlene Williams missing is the photographer Tim Lloyd

Some Interesting Web Sites

- One-Step Webpages by Stephen P. Morse
 "This site contains tools for finding immigration records, vital records, and for dealing with calendars, maps, foreign alphabets, and numerous other applications. Some of the tools fetch data from other websites…"
 htttps://stevemorse.org

- Military Service Records, Awards, and Unit Histories: A Guide to Locating Sources.
 page five has some Web Resources
 fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RS21282.pdf

- Calculate the date of Easter & Other moveable holidays
 people.albion.edu/imacinnes/calendar/Ecclesiastical_dates. html

- The original 1812 Pension files and Bounty Land Warrant applications are being digitized and are available online for free on Fold 3.
 https://gofold3.com/1812pensions

- David Rumsey Map Collection Data base and Blog has more than 82,000 maps online. The collection is housed at Stanford University in California.
 https://www.davidrumsey.com

- Blog site of the Legacy Tree Genealogists –professional researchers. See the list of Popular Posts including : Research Pitfalls of Beginning Genealogists and The Mary in Your Tree: Solving Brick Walls By Researching Out
 https://legacytree.com/blog

- http://northfieldhistorycollaborative.org/

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Type of Membership _____Individual $10 per year
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Membership is January to December

Send application with check payable to Rice County Genealogical Society

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